

General Assembly  
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**Raised Bill No. 341**

LCO No. 1536

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Referred to Committee on Transportation  
Introduced by:

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE LICENSING OF DRIVERS' SCHOOLS AND DRIVING INSTRUCTORS.**

*I am currently in Florida and cannot attend this hearing. Please review and consider the driving school industry's position to the above stated proposal.*

*The Connecticut Driver Safety Education Association supports the above legislative proposal with the following exceptions:*

- 1. All driving instructor and driving school shall terminate on the same date. We oppose staggered renewal dates. This is not feasible for the DMV staff nor for the industry.*
- 2. DMV agents should not have the protection to storm into a driving school and demand record audits at their discretion. This creates a logistical problem if class is being conducted. We agree that DMV agents should be permitted and encouraged to make spot checks on the conduct of all driver education programs.*
- 3. Classroom Only driver instructor licenses should be permitted. It would not be fair to deny a driving instructor the right to teach if that instructor becomes disabled in a way that would prevent road instruction participation.*
- 4. The CDSEA believes in the presumption of innocence and is opposed to mandatory notification to the DMV of any instructor arrest for any reason. We do not have a problem with conviction notification.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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